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The Albanian forces number approximately 60,000 men. The uniforms worn by the armed forces are mixed; certain regiments wear the uniforms of the Theneley Army and others wear Bussian Army dress.

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- 2. The Albanian Army has light and heavy artillery and many mortars and machine guns. There are also a significant amount of light tanks and various vehicles.
- 3. At the beginning of January, several elements of the 1927-1926 and 1929 age groups were called up. Some of these conscriptees decided to hide in the hills rather than report for duty. The number of such men reportedly emount to about 3,000 men.
- 4. The force which composes the Albanian Havy is said to number 5,000 man stationed principally in Durasso, Valona and Sarande. Special passes are required to enter the ports at these cities. The Navy also allegedly has from ten to twelve submarines, five or six torpode hoats, and eight to ten converted transports. These vessels are armed with cannon and machine guns.
- 5. The Air Force, with about 20 fighter planes and a few bombers, numbers about 2,000 men stationed at the Devoli and Tirana airfields. There is fairly heavy air traffic between Albania and Tugoslevia and the Soviet Union each day.

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